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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, please accept this Response to the restriction requirement entered pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 for the above-identified application.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner entered a restriction requirement for the following groups of inventions:

Group I:

Claims 1-8 and 13-38, drawn to a method and kit for the isolation and subsequent quantitative characterization of target biomolecules present in biological fluid, classified in class 436, subclass 518.

Group II: Claims 9-12, drawn to a method for the isolation and subsequent qualitative characterization of target biomolecules, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 9-12, without traverse, for further examination.

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Attached hereto is Applicants' Response to Restriction Requirement electing Group II, claims 9-12, for further examination.

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